

September 2, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Fair Notice: Addressing Concerns of Vaping in the School and on School Grounds

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff, we feel it is imperative to address the ongoing issue of vaping within our school community. This notice is to share our concerns and outline the measures we will take to address this issue.

This notice acknowledges the increase in incidents involving vaping devices on school premises, which pose serious health risks to our students and staff and creates an environment that is not conducive to learning.

It is important for us to emphasize that vaping not only poses health risks to those who engage in it but also creates a distraction and disruption to the educational environment. Additionally, as a workplace health and safety concern, the presence of vaping devices on school grounds is a violation of Hanover School Division policy and Manitoba Health regulations.

As part of our regular supervision, school staff will continue to check the conditions of the washrooms. If students are found to be loitering or gathering, parents will be notified and students will be sent home, which may include a disciplinary action such as suspension.

To address this issue, please take this letter as fair notice that effective immediately, we are implementing the following consequences for any student found vaping, suspected of vaping or passing a vape anywhere school grounds, specifically in the washrooms:

First Offence: Automatic 3-day suspension from school.

Second Offence: Automatic 5-day suspension from school. This may also be followed up with a ticket issued by the RCMP.

Subsequent Offences: Further consequences, including a review by the Superintendent, which may result in additional disciplinary actions.

Government of Manitoba Health Website

"Manitoba has had a ban on smoking in enclosed public places since October 2004, through The Smoking and Vapour Products Control Act"

HSD Smoke Free Environment Policy

In accordance with Manitoba Statute CCSM cS150 The Smoking and Vapour Products Control Act, smoking, using any tobacco, or vapour products (i.e. snuff, chewing tobacco, vaping devices, etc.) is prohibited on all division properties, buildings and vehicles.

NHS Student and Handbook

All school division property shall be smoke, alcohol, and drug free which includes chewing tobacco and vaping. Smoking and vaping products/paraphernalia are not allowed at school at any time, including evenings, weekends, or at off-site school sanctioned events. Persons under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs are prohibited from being on school property or participating in school or student-related activities. Student failure to comply with this policy will result in consequences such as a verbal warning, in-school suspension, and out of-school suspension.

We understand that addressing this issue requires a collaborative effort between the school and parents/guardians. We encourage you to have open and honest conversations with your child about the dangers of vaping and to monitor their behaviour closely.

Additionally, please reinforce the importance of adhering to school policies and regulations regarding substance use. As educators and caregivers, it is our shared responsibility to ensure the well-being and safety of our students. By working together, we can create a school environment that promotes healthy choices and academic success for all.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

[HSD Vaping Information Sheet](#)

[Mental Health and Addictions](#)

[Manitoba Lung Association](#)

[Talking with your teen about vaping: Tip Sheet for Families PDF](#)

Respectfully,



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